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April follows the arrival of spring with its own special observances. Don't forget to visit the OFW calendar to see local events.

[World Health Day](#) —
April 7, 2012

[Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)—April 19, 2012

[International Mother Earth Day](#)—April 22, 2012

OFW COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 01, 2012 –
Saturday, June 30, 2012

[Foster Parents Needed](#)

Wednesday, April 11,
2012

[Derby Hat Auction](#)

Wednesday, April 11,
2012

[Women Leading Kentucky Roundtables](#)

Wednesday, April 11,
2012 –
Thursday, April 12, 2012
[Own Your Own Business Seminar](#)

Friday, April 13, 2012 –
Sunday, April 29, 2012
[A Southern Exposure](#)

Saturday, April 14, 2012
[Family History Workshop](#)

RED ALERT: Equal Pay Day—April 17th

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Every year, women are statistically proven to earn less, on average, than their male counterparts. The wage gap that continues to exist causes women to work longer than men for the same amount of pay. In 1996, the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) initiated Equal Pay Day as a day of awareness to the public to illustrate the wage gap between men's and women's earnings.

This year's Equal Pay Day is on **Tuesday, April 17th**. According to the NCPE, this date symbolizes how far into 2012 women must work to earn what men earned in 2011. Wage disparities are recorded in order to track progress in the reduction of the wage gap and combat the billions of dollars of critical income lost to women each year. Click [here](#) to read more about the wage gap in the state of Kentucky.

The wage gap has improved very little over time. The NCPE suggests **wearing red on Equal Pay Day** this year to show how far women's pay is "in the red."

No matter what your profession or gender may be, you can help close the wage gap by getting involved. If you would like to be more involved with this cause, learn more about joining the campaign [here](#).

Be sure to visit the **Kentucky Commission on Women's Pay Equity** web page for the [Pay Equity Timeline](#), suggested activities, the [2012 Fact Sheet](#) and other information.

More on women, earnings and what it costs to raise a family in Kentucky can be found at **Women 4 Women Advocacy Initiatives**, KY BEST Indexes.

Don't Forget the "Give A Day" Challenge

Mayor Fischer's "Give a Day" Week of Service is fast approaching. His goal is for our community to set a world record for public service the week of April 14-22, so mark your calendars!

Residents of Louisville have been stepping forward by the thousands to help with this project, but there are still many projects available for volunteers. If you or your organization would like to be involved in "Give a Day," sign up for a project [here](#)!

- Click [here](#) to join us in the Mayor's Week of Service and select from a listing of existing Projects.
- To see other options click [here](#) and click on the Give A Day icon.



MAYOR'S WEEK OF SERVICE
APRIL 15-22, 2012

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www.LouisvilleKY.gov *The official website of Louisville Metro Government*

When was the last time you explored the city's website, Louisvilleky.gov? It's been rated one of the top 5 city websites in America for the past 6 years! I think you'd be surprised by all the information and tools available to you. There's no way to cover all the features in this space, but did you know...



Quickfind - On the homepage, you can enter your address in MetroCall 311's Quickfind and find your junk set out dates, garbage day, yard waste day, your council district, your police district and beat number & fire district. Once you know your police district and beat number, you can go to the Metro Police website and click on their new crime map section where you can map crime around your address and subscribe to crime notifications.

If you click on the **MapIt** area in Quickfind, you can map city services and locations on a map, from driver licenses and county clerk locations to animal adoption locations to health clinics and much more. Below MapIt, you can start and track an online service request with MetroCall or live chat with MetroCall customer service during normal business hours.



You can see how your government is spending your money. Use the city's search engine to search for "transparency." The first page returned lets you see how the city spends its money, where it gets its money, search city expenditures & vendors, see employee salaries, put in an open records request and much more.



Want to attend a city planning or council meeting but don't know when they happen? The fastest way to find a board of zoning or planning meeting is to use the website's search engine and enter search terms such as planning meetings or BOZA. **In fact, the search engine is the fastest way to find much of what you are looking for.** And of course, the Metro Council website has a number of resources for you to look up existing local laws, speak at a meeting, see agendas, find popular ordinances, find events in your district and follow all of the work of the council.



Stay Informed - The city's site has a new digital subscription service called GovDelivery that allows you to subscribe to over 100 different e-news topics via email or text. Just look for the red envelope on the city's homepage. And just below that, the CodeRED logo allows you to sign up for emergency alerts from the city, including severe weather alerts.



Mobile Apps - The city has two mobile apps for those of you with smart phones. Look for the links at the top of the city's homepage. Louisville Mobile features news, events, metro park features, restaurant inspection scores and more. MetroCall 311's mobile app lets you take a picture of a pothole or concern and submit it directly to the city for inspection!



On the Codes and Regulations website, www.louisvilleky.gov/ipl, you can search for property maintenance issues, create a building permit report, look up HVAC and electrical permits and submit a special event like a street block party completely online.



Pay for Something - The city now offers many different ways for you to get it done online. Just click on the Service Directory tab on the homepage for more information. Here's a list:

- License a pet
- Get an accident report
- Pay occupational taxes
- Get an electrical permit
- Get a HVAC & Mechanical Permit
- Get a building permit
- Pay a parking ticket
- Pay your water/sewer bill
- Pay your electric/gas bill
- Pay your cable TV bill
- Bid on surplus items
- Get a special events permit
- Pay child support electronically
- Donate to metro government
- Buy Louisville-related products
- Add money to a defendants account online Post bond for an inmate online



Map a bike route - The city's bike program, Bike Louisville, has a very cool tool called Ride the City that allows you to put in a start and stop address and map the safest route around town on a bicycle. Check it out at <http://www.ridethecity.com/louisville>

Do yourself a favor and save www.louisvilleky.gov in your favorites. You'll be amazed at the useful tools and information available!

**Louisville Government Ranked as a Top 10
Social Media City in America**
**Louisville ranks 8th in national study on communicating
via social media**